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## Mechanical Engineering Dept. Rapidly Increasing

Department has Tripled in Last Seven Years. Offers Wide Range of Activity

There is one course here at Maine—of Mechanical Engineering—which from a study of its enrollment chart, shows a steady and rapid increase. In 1912 there was a total of only 23 upper-classmen, while now there are three times that number.

Mechanical Engineering offers perhaps a wider range of activity than any other department of the College of Technology, for the mechanical engineer is a vital factor in the broad field of production and transportation. The production line begins with the basic industry of iron and steel and includes the manufacturing of machinery of all kinds, and the manufacturing of all products involving the use of machinery, as well as of all power plant and other apparatus built of iron and steel. In the production of power, which is essential to all industries and to all methods of transportation, the mechanical engineer has a special field. This includes the stationary, hydraulic, steam, or gas plant; the marine steam, or gas plant; the automobile and aeronautical gas plants; and the locomotive steam plant. Two other engineering fields now quite prominent are heating and ventilation, and refrigeration, the latter having an important place in the storage and transportation of foods. In all of these fields the mechanical engineer is responsible for design, construction, and efficient operation.

The University tries to give as general and yet as practicable course as possible, which shall involve those principles which may be applied in every line and which the student may apply to his special side of the profession. These principles are worked out by the thorough study of mathematics and physics, especially mechanics and heat; the properties of materials; mechanical processes; methods of construction; and heat engineering, as applied to the production of power. Furthermore, the efficiency of power machinery and apparatus is determined by practical laboratory work.

It might here be added that with the steady growth in this course it becomes evident that additional apparatus and more room will soon be needed in the laboratories. In fact, the present laboratory is not only too small, but lacks much necessary equipment for steam and hydraulic engineering.

Among the theses being prepared is one upon the heating and ventilating conditions in Lord Hall, for proposing a method of operating the system to get these conditions uniform throughout the building. A thesis is also to be presented upon the results of tests made of the commercial products manufactured by the Marine Hardware Equipment Co., at Portland. These tests are made upon drop-forgings to find their weak points with a view to possible improvement in design. Still another thesis is one upon determining the efficiency of various forms of welds, using the electrical welding machine which has been recently presented to the University. Such theses as these require a great deal of accuracy and mechanical insight, as well as of time and patience. It is training of this sort, however, that has turned out those capable and dependable engineers for which the University of Maine is already noted.

## Y.W.C.A. Plays Are Progressing Rapidly

Under the able direction of Prof. Harriman, the Y. W. C. A. plays are progressing very rapidly. The girls are working hard with their parts and are doing all in their power to make the entertainment a success. There is to be a good program of vaudeville and comedies, followed by a dance. Watch for further announcements.

## Football Schedule Improved For the Coming Year

Five Games to be Played at Orono and Three Away. To Play Harvard Oct. 2 at Cambridge

Realizing the necessity of improving the football schedule for the next year the Athletic Board at the University has recommended games with Harvard, Brown, Amherst, New Hampshire State, Boston University and the three state colleges. Negotiations are under way. New Hampshire State plays at Orono next fall under the terms of a two year contract.

Harvard agreed to play Maine on October 9th with the understanding that one of the other Maine colleges play her the same afternoon. Harvard in the early stages in the development of her football team has two equally matched elevens. To better prepare all of her varsity material she desired to play each of her two elevens against two opponents. It is needless to state that Athletic Director Rider, unanimously supported by the Athletic Board definitely refused such a proposal. After Maine refused to play under the two team idea, Harvard agreed to play on October 2nd under the usual terms of contract. Accordingly the Boston alumni will have the

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## John Barnard Elected Captain Cross Country

At the Dinner Given by Dr. and Mrs. Alek to the Cross Country Team, J. H. Barnard Was Elected Captain for Next Year

Dr. and Mrs. Alek entertained the members of Maine's cross country team at dinner at the President's residence Saturday evening. Those present as guests were: Captain N. H. Emery, W. K. Herrick, J. F. Barnard, Philbrook, Raymond, Manager Foley, Coach Preti and W. D. Towner. No formal program of speeches was given and Dr. and Mrs. Alek's hospitality so well known to Maine athletic teams made the occasion an enjoyable one.

At this time, John Hopkins Barnard '22, was elected Captain for the coming year. Though marked for his ability at cross-country running in prep school Barnard was an uncertain factor of the team at the beginning of the year. He won his letter in track last spring and won another letter by his splendid work on the cross-country team. His gameness and pluck was noticed by everyone and he has proved himself a fighter from the word "go." Every student in "Maine" is justly proud of the accomplishments of this year's championship team. Next year's team, led by Captain Barnard, has the best of chances, and is fully confident of bringing home the championship.

## Law Club of the University Entertained

The Law Club of the U. of M. was entertained at the home of Mrs. Percia V. White and Miss Pearl Vinal on Thursday evening, December 11. The faculty members of the Department of Economics and Sociology were the guests of the Club. Arthur L. Robinson of the Maine Industrial Accident Commission gave a valuable paper on the Workmen's Compensation Law, with especial reference to the relation of the lawyer to adjustment of claims before the Commission. The members of the Club showed a live interest in the subject of the address and spent considerable time questioning the speaker with reference to the details of his work in putting into effect the provisions of this important legislation. Refreshments of a delicious character were served, followed by music. The Club has engaged other speakers for future meetings and is also planning a series of Moot Trials.

## Arts Rally Held Last Friday Great Success

Two Plays were Presented After Which Refreshments Were In the Gym

The Arts rally was held in Alumni Hall Friday evening, the faculty providing the entertainment. After a short reception in the gymnasium everyone adjourned to the assembly hall, where the plays were held.

Prof. Segal in a humorous way announced the program, which was as follows:

1. Music Prof. Eberman
2. Heavy Drama

Not on the Program Cast

Mrs. Murry Whitney Miss Carswell

Ophelia Johnson, her maid

Mrs. Jones, her neighbor

Erastus Johnson, colored plumber

Vincent Fielding, dramatic

instructor Mr. Eberman

Officer Hogan Mr. Streeter

3. Music Prof. Drummond

4. Light Drama *Freshman Ranks*, or

*That Terrible English Department*

Characters in order of appearance

1. Flunkem Flat, Instructor (?)

in English Mr. Forbes

George Washington Thomas

Jefferson

Woodrow Wilson Johnson, of

Gaelic extraction Mr. Hoffman

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## Telegram Concerning League of Nations

Straw Vote to be Taken in all Colleges upon League of Nations

We, the undersigned, have undertaken to promote a referendum of college sentiment of the country concerning the Peace Treaty. It is realized that many colleges have held straw ballots on this subject but the statements of the question have in most instances differed and afford no opportunity to obtain an accurate and comparative expression of the intercollegiate point of view. The plan is that on January 13 every college and university in the country will be asked to take a vote of its faculty on the one hand and its student body on the other, in which each member of the college community will be asked to declare himself, yes or no, on Proposition I: I favor the ratification of the League and Treaty without amendments or reservations; Proposition II: I am opposed to the ratification of the League and the Treaty in any form; Proposition III: I am in favor of the ratification of the Treaty and the League, but only with the specific reservations as voted by the majority of the senate; Proposition IV: I favor any compromise on the reservations which will make possible immediate ratification of the Treaty and the League.

The committee will forward detailed suggestions as to how the vote should be carried on. It is urged that between

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## Inter-Mural Athletic Association Organized

Purpose of Society is to Promote Inter-Fraternity Athletics. Boxing May be Established this Winter

Friday morning, representatives from all of the fraternities and dormitories on the campus met in Alumni Hall and organized the Inter-Mural Athletic Association.

The following officers were elected: President, H. P. Wood '21; Secretary, K. C. Colbath '20; Treasurer, W. L. MacBride '20; Executive Committee, S. F. Walker '20, F. T. Jordan '22, K. E. MacQuarrie '20.

The Inter-Mural A. A. will be to the inter-fraternity contests as the University A. A. is to the inter-collegiate contests. It will draw up the schedules for the various sports such as basketball, base ball, track football and hockey and will also have charge of the boxing contests which will be held on the campus this winter.

It will also decide all contested events and eligibility of the contestants and will in general develop and maintain all inter-mural sports on the campus.

The inter-fraternity baseball games were formerly managed by the Sophomore Owls. The games were called about five in the afternoon and brought forth a bunch of rooters. By having these games, Coach "Monty" Cross will be able to look over men who might not come out for the varsity through lack of confidence.

The inter-fraternity track meets are run off in February and March and call out a large list of entries. The track events are conducted on the board track while the field events are carried on in the baseball cage. A series of three meets are held, the winning team being the one having the largest number of points. In this way, the track coach is enabled to see the men in action on more than one occasion.

The idea of a boxing tournament is a new one at Maine. It has not been definitely decided to have this, but it is hoped that the necessary authority will be obtained to go ahead with the project. Previous to the war, boxing lessons were given but no scheduled bouts were held. It is proposed to run off frequent boxing carnivals in the gym. These would consist of four bouts, each one of four two minute rounds.

The men would be divided into the seven classes: feather-weight, light-weight, bantam-weight, welter-weight, middle-weight, light-heavy-weight and heavy-weight. This would give the men practice in the manly art of self-defense as well as furnishing a long felt need.

By conducting this list of sports, opportunity would be given a large number of men to enjoy some form of sport. In the past, physical training has not aroused tremendous interest among those who were required to take it but under the management of the Inter-Mural Association, much interest will be shown. With Rider and Baldwin at the head, there is sure to be plenty doing in the athletic line on the campus this winter.

## Arts and Sciences Committee Express Appreciation

The members of the Committee for the Arts and Sciences Rally take this opportunity to express their appreciation and thanks to George Carter, Evans Norcross and Ralph Kendall for their generous aid in lighting and setting the stage for the entertainment last Friday evening, to Oscar Whalen for the furniture from the M. C. A. room, and to all the students who gave their services to make the Rally a success.

F. J. Kueny  
A. W. Sprague  
Ava H. Chadbourne  
Marion S. Buzzell  
Russell Forbes

A Merry Christmas to one and all,  
And a Happy New Year to you;  
Is the wish just now of the Campus Board  
To its readers, and writers, and every one,  
who assisted in putting it thru.  
So Tolman, Crandall, Blake and Miss French,  
Potter and Phillips and Gilman,  
Sullivan, Hersey, Marston and Ham,  
Howell and Frawley and Plummer,  
All wish that a Merry Christmas be yours—  
And the New Year for Maine be a hummer.

## Mr. Cummings Entertains Y.W.C.A. at Balentine

Thursday evening the Y. W. C. A. held its usual meeting at Balentine Hall. Miss Phillips introduced Mr. Cummings, the agricultural editor, saying that he was the friend of everybody. He certainly proved himself that by giving everybody a good time. He began by telling some very witty jokes in French-Canadian dialect. The next selections were from "Les Habitants," a book of poems written by Drummond. These poems, full of local color and picturesque scenes of the French-Canadians were very enjoyable. Mr. Cummings himself has written several pieces in this dialect. He gave some of them that pictured such humorous situations that he could not fail to please the audience.

## The "Heck" Club Holds Interesting Meeting

The "Heck" Club meeting which took place last Wednesday evening, December 10, was one of the best held this year. Professor Campbell of Ayredale Farm, Bangor, was the speaker. He chose for his subject, "The Future of Dairying."

Before beginning to talk on his subject he gave us a little of the history of the Agricultural College. Due to the fact that he became a member of the faculty of the University when the College of Agriculture was in its embryonic stage and was in fact the first professor to devote his entire time to agriculture, he was able to give an interesting histroic sketch.

In developing his subject Professor Campbell brought out very vividly the rapid strides which have been made in the dairy business. He compared the methods of production and the prices paid for dairy products fifteen or twenty years ago with those of today. He said that the future for dairying is very bright and that from his own point of view, we should be able to make equally as much advancement in the business in the next twenty years as we have made in the past two decades.

As soon as the lecture was over, two bushel boxes of apples were passed and it is needless to say that everybody partook of them liberally.

After this, Ray Atherton '20 was called upon to explain the nature of and the importance of our fraternity, Alpha Zeta. He brought out very strongly the importance of the Agri-

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## Editorial

Varsity basketball at Maine is not a sure thing and, in fact, looks as if we will be without it unless decided action in its favor is taken immediately. Last year this sport received an excellent start although it played many non-collegiate teams.

University officials in athletics have put their "foot down" on Maine playing non-collegiate teams this year. The reason given for this action is that these teams are liable to bring with them an element of roughness and the games to attract an undesirable crowd.

In all of the games played last year with these classes of teams there was no sign of roughness and at the dances there was not undesirable element to any marked degree.

There is yet a chance of Colby and Bates playing a varsity team and if so, Maine could be able to arrange a series of games with them. The basketball manager has been "handcuffed" as to arranging for any games and had to drop chances of playing some of the larger New England colleges.

Let us get behind basketball and boost it and we will put on a team that will be a credit to the name of Maine.

The statement has frequently been made that the average college student is not in as close touch with national affairs as he should be. This statement has undoubtedly considerable basis of truth.

A committee comprised of the leaders of four of the country's leading college publications have devised a plan which will stimulate interest in what is perhaps the biggest question before the country, the League of Nations. They plan between now and the 15th of next January that a ballot be taken of both the student body and faculty of every college and university in the country on the League of Nations question. The exact manner of balloting and the wording to the questions involved are given elsewhere in this issue.

In order that the ballot taken at Maine shall represent the best thought of the institution, every Maine man woman should read up the League of Nations in the newspapers and magazines to become as well informed on the question as possible.

Henry Cabot Lodge wants 'em to burn up the league treaty. Be the first time Washington ever set the league on fire.

No difference between black and white any more. Lump of coal's as scarce as a lump of sugar.

Football season is over and the college boys are now studying English in the billiard parlors.

Latin may be a dead language, but it ain't a dry one.

"I am no good unless I strike," said the match.

"And you lose your head every time you do strike," said the box.

A cold is about the only thing some people can get in their heads.

## Correspondence

Dear Editor:

I am very sorry that the present question about varsity basketball has come up. Last year the Athletic Association financed a team which played numerous games throughout the state during the season. The A. A. was backed by the student body who promised to help financially if it were necessary. But the team was self-supporting. Sufficient gate fees were taken in not only to pay for all equipment and traveling expenses but also nearly one hundred dollars was divided among needy organizations on the campus. The old argument was disproved. Basketball was self-supporting and also an asset to the A. A.

At the A. A. election in the spring a basketball manager was elected but he has not been permitted to make out a schedule. Varsity basketball is even more important than varsity football or baseball because it takes the men who represent Maine to a lot of places where the football or baseball results are never heard of. It is a far better advertiser for Maine. It is also as clean a game as football or baseball, contrary to the general opinion. All of last year's games were played fairly and cleanly and were not marred by any scrapping or gangfights.

There never was a better time than now to start varsity basketball. Bates and Colby will probably have teams and would play us. We could get games with most of the teams we played last year and with other teams. But if we are going to have inter-mural basketball Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night, and inter-class basketball on Friday nights the student body will see so much basketball in two weeks that it will seem a joke to mention it. Then again when would the varsity team practice, on Monday nights only?

It is my idea that the student body had rather see a few real live games properly spaced than a lot of games poorly played and almost daily. Too much basketball and of the type that the inter-mural games would be, will kill the sport forever. Let us have varsity and inter-class basketball, give the student body an exhibition of real basketball and they will back the proposition with the real enthusiasm.

To the Editor:

I was surprised to see on reading thru a recent copy of the Colby "Echo" that a letter sent to the Department of Dramatics of Maine by the secretary of the Colby debating society, received in answer, "that the department was too busy this year to consider debating at Maine." Two points in connection with this reply immediately appealed to me.

In the first place, debating is of unquestionable value both to the debator and his audience. The wealth of important questions before the nation today would furnish excellent material

for debate and the knowledge of them gained by the University students thru debate on them would be extremely valuable. College students are only too uninformed on important national questions. Debating gives the debator case and force of expression besides clear analysis and understanding of his subject.

The other point was this: For a number of years prior to the war Maine had good debating teams that made good showings against other Maine college teams. I believe that Maine students want debating here this year and that it is a matter for student decision. I would suggest that an opinion from the students be obtained thru a meeting of those interested in debating before this question is put aside so summarily.

Sincerely yours,

Fair Play '20

Dear Editor:

On reading over the prospects of the Inter-Mural sport program planned for this winter, there are several questions connected with basketball which seem to arise. I understand that it is planned to have each team meet every other team. Taking a team from each fraternity and the dormitories would give fifteen teams which would give a total of two hundred and twenty-five games to be played in a few months. In my opinion, it would be very difficult to get all of these games in and to hold any sort of interest through such a series. The other parts of the Inter-Mural program could be arranged without such a point of objection, but it would appear to be best in basketball to concentrate the effort on varsity or interclass contests.

Sincerely,

Maine '20

## Alumni Notes

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized at 11 o'clock Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan A. Ring in Orono, when their daughter, Miss Helen A. Ring, became the bride of Edward M. True of Litchfield. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ashley A. Smith of the Universalist church of Bangor. Only the immediate families of the bride and groom were present at the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Louise M. Ring, as bridesmaid, and Paul T. Corbin of Malden, Mass., was best man.

Mrs. True is one of Orono's most popular and accomplished young ladies.

The groom is a member of the class of 1920 at the University of Maine and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He is now employed by the Lunn & Sweet Co. of Auburn as industrial engineer.

Mr. True and bride left on the 1.45 train for Boston, where they will spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will reside at 54 Pine street, Lewiston.

On Dec. 5 at the De Witt Hotel, Lewiston, the regular monthly meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Alumni Association was held. Prof. Grover was the principal speaker. He spoke on athletics, the needs of the University, mentioned the legislative hearing, and talked on Alumni matters. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P. L. Bean '04, President, Weston B. Haskell '17, Secretary and Treasurer.

The letters written by Lee Vrooman '18, a members of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, have been followed with interest. He sailed with the relief expedition last January and was one of the first two Americans to enter Central Asia Minor, going 200 miles beyond the farthest British garrison in the Mesopotamian region.

On November 27 occurred the marriage of Miss Fannie Persis Flint '10 of West Baldwin and Mr. Frank C. Packard of South Paris.

Chas. L. Stephenson '17 has accepted the position of Principal of the Windham High School. Last year "Steve" was physical director and director of athletics at the University. His many friends wish him all success in his new position.

## Professor Ellis

### Speaks in Chapel

Friday morning, Prof. Ellis, the head of the English Department, spoke in chapel on the need of acquiring for our university library more books relating to Maine history.

Owing to the financial circumstances of library funds, the university possesses a "shabby showing of Maine authors."

Professor Ellis emphasized the need for histories of the state, Maine towns, Maine regiments, and old Maine families.

The following types of old literature were asked for: maps and old newspapers of before the Civil War period, diaries, letters, documents, old almanacs, manuscript histories, and biographies of noteworthy New Englanders.

Professor Ellis asked the students to spend some part of their Christmas holidays in old New England attics, which he said, "are ancient storehouses of rich materials in histories and biographies of former days."

## Large Body of Students

### Attend M.C.A. Pictures

On Thursday evening, Dec. 11, the fourth of the series of M. C. A. weekly moving pictures was shown in the assembly hall before a large crowd of enthusiastic students. The pictures were sparkling with life and action.

"Kidnapped," a picturization of the novel of the same name by Robert Louis Stevenson, was the feature picture of the show. It was received with great interest by the students, many of whom are familiar with the book. The pirate story is vivid in its every detail, the scenes are picturesque and full of color, while the plot abounds in thrilling adventure and action.

The World Today, a pictorial of the latest current events, was an added attraction to the show and was viewed with great interest by the audience. The excellent music furnished by "Doc" Turner's orchestra, provided an atmosphere of jazz and harmony to the features of the show, which were at once amusing and instructive.

"Ocie" Whalen, Y. M. C. A. secretary and moving picture manager, declares the intention of securing the best films possible for the rest of the year. It is due to his unflinching effort that the movies have been made possible at Maine and the students fully appreciate his good work.

## Miss French Leader

### of Girls' Glee Club

Minerva French '20 has been elected leader of the Girls' Glee Club, she thus automatically becomes president of that organization. The plans for this year are not complete as yet, but it is hoped and expected that she will work for the regular concerts and also for a short trip to some of the larger Maine towns.

The club has voted to extend a scholarship to the women students as follows:

The Girls' Glee Club is giving a scholarship of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for the year 1919-20 and subsequent years to be awarded by the Faculty Committee on Honors and the President of the Girls' Glee Club, to a young lady student of the University, the award to be based on individual need and satisfactory scholarship.

## Many House Parties

### To Be Held Friday

December 19 seems to be a popular date for Christmas house parties. The Sigma Chi's are having an informal dinner and dancing party, Friday afternoon and evening. The S. A. E.'s are having a formal dancing party. The Phi Gam's are having a week-end party, a formal dance Friday night and an informal party at Clark's bungalow on Saturday night. The Theta Chi's are having a formal dance Friday night. The Sigma Nu's are also having a party on that night.

The sighing lover led a heart,  
The girl for a diamond played;  
The father came in with a club—  
And a sexton used a spade.

## It Is Said

THAT some of the fraternities don't seem to like the idea of inter-mural basketball.

THAT there is yet a chance of having varsity basketball at Maine. Talk it up.

THAT the Orono Theatre has now a special cop on the premises. It seems that he is kept pretty busy.

THAT while you are home, why not try to get some advertisements for the 1921 Prism. More advertisements means more money and more money means a better book. Let's all help out.

THAT relay practice will start immediately after the holidays.

THAT "Emerson and Dickens stand no chance here." Wonder if there will be any more hope for them at mid-year's. Poor fellows.

THAT this vacation is the time to talk up Maine at the prep schools. Maine is growing. Help her along.

THAT Howard '21, Craig '22, and Glover '22 have been appointed to the Campus board.

THAT the Arts and Science Rally showed up the clubs and rallies of the other colleges.

THAT Coaches Rider and Baldwin are surely going to boost athletics at Maine.

## EXCHANGES

The Boston Bates Club has pledged \$1000 in support of Bates athletics.

Chase Hall, the Bates' Union, is to be dedicated Dec. 16.

Basketball is making a hit as a new sport at Bates.

The New York Herald recognizes E. S. Boote of Wesleyan as the premier dropkicker in eastern football.

Dartmouth is laying plans for her ninth annual Winter Carnival to be held Feb. 12-14.

Interfraternity bowling is on at Dartmouth. A silver loving cup and five other prizes are provided for the winning fraternity and individual high scorers.

## Campus Notes

A meeting of the Commons Council was held Monday evening in the dining hall of Hannibal Hamlin. Several matters of importance to the Council were taken up. Among those who advanced some interesting ideas were Snow '20, Marcou '21, and McCart '22. It was resolved to hold hereafter a meeting each Monday evening.

The non-fraternity freshmen held a meeting in the H. H. recreation room Tuesday noon. Noah and Niles were chosen as delegates to the Sigma Nu smoker.

At a meeting of the Commons Council held Wednesday noon, it was voted to have one team selected from men in H. H. and Oak Halls to represent the Commons Council in all inter-fraternity and dorm contests. Perkins '21 was appointed as a delegate to the Inter-Mural Athletic Association.

Mr. George L. Rider, Director of Athletics is attending a meeting of the representatives of the four Maine colleges at Waterville, in the interests of Track athletics of the four colleges.

The University office, representing the Savings Division of the First Federal Reserve District, is putting out small "Thrift Chests" and thrift Christmas cards for thrift stamps as Christmas gifts.

Professor W. J. Sweetser, Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department has just returned from a trip to New York.

A generous reward is offered by "Kid" Potter for information leading to the apprehension of the tactful female who, thru her marvelously effective persuasive powers induced the "Kid" to generously contribute \$.50 to the N. E. T. & T. welfare fund. Full information concerning the case can be obtained from the "Kid" himself.



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## A MATTER OF DEFINITION

I wandered into my room and dropped lazily on the couch. The sophomores had just been giving the freshmen a little lesson in ethics, manners and morals, effected in as impressive a manner as was consistent with the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness from the freshman standpoint. We had seen "cuckoo clocks" and "penny races," also other ingenious inventions of the devil, devised by some past Knight of the Inquisition,

"who thought it shame

And sin to give his work a name," in the words of Sir Walter. We had heard that exquisite species of Italian virtuosi which is proudest when ten badly scared freshmen lift their young voices in song, rendering a laundry slip from beginning to end. Yankee Doodle was the tune, and you will never appreciate what this sounds like until you hear it.

"And neckties, cuffs and handkerchiefs. And trousers, shirts and drawers," pealed the youthful voices in chorus. It was too much for my blood and I had to go somewhere and laugh. A fraternity razoo is a serious occasion and he is base indeed who would make the occasion one for levity and laughter. In order that my merriment might not detract from the true worth of the lesson that the freshmen were supposed to be learning, I left the domain of General Razoo, where all military decrees are enforced by the sword, represented in this case by a stout two-handed "paddle."

"How are they making it downstairs?" asked Freddy Saunders, without looking up from his book. Freddy was our grind and he never stopped studying for anything short of a championship celebration. Wisie Hackett, Mike Mahoney and I were not often taken that way, so Freddy did the studying for the whole room. That was fair enough, for we three represented the room in all other lines of college life. The only trouble with this arrangement was that Freddy was taking Electrical, while Mike, Wisie and I were staggering under the burden of a major in Economics. We weren't in a single class with him, so you can see that Freddy's plugging never got us much on the rank cards. But in the amount of studying he sure did enough for the whole four of us.

"Freddy," said I, "believe me, it's a corker. Put up that everlasting book and go down to watch the performance. It's by far the best razoo since our freshman year."

"The old times were the times," he sighed. He placed his book carefully in the rack, for neatness was Freddy's worst fault. His desk and mine had Nature's contrast beat a lap and a half. "How's our freshman taking it?" he asked.

"Having reference to Michael Sanderson Mahoney, Junior? He's a star, Freddy. The sophs haven't made him bat an eye yet. This ought to be Mike now," as a footstep sounded in the hall.

Enter Freshman Mahoney, looking rather weary and decidedly despondent. He cast one longing glance at the couch, whereupon I very obligingly moved to exactly the middle of said piece of furniture. For freshmen receive very little sympathy from upperclassmen.

"Art thou ill at ease with the world, O son of the Golden Gate?" demanded Freddy. A snort was the answer.

"Michael, dearest," I reprimanded him. "Even in his hours of sorest affliction a freshman must observe a certain degree of deference to his seniors, and the first requisite of such deference is promptness in answering all questions, however foolish such questions may be."

Mike grinned foolishly. "Am I ill at ease with the world, you ask? Why, this is my happiest moment. Hitherto I have lived only for this. And now I would gladly die, for life surely has no greater pleasures in store for me than my recent experiences have afforded." And he caressed his injured

members and parts. "Tell me! How often do they have these razooos, and are they all as bad as this?"

Upon such extreme ignorance we gazed with appropriate pity. "You tell him, Freddy," said I; and the old grind began.

"Poor abused child of an afflicted race, listen now to the tale that truth and tradition records. Hazing is now abolished at this university. Didn't you sign a pledge promising to take part in no hazing while a student here?"

Mike shook his head. "Ted signed all my cards and things."

Freddy laughed and we joined in, for there was some humor in the situation. "Did you sign Mike's pledge, Ted?" he demanded of me.

"My Lord," I replied in defense. "Freddy, you know well enough that no one ever looks at half the stuff he signs when he registers, least of all understands it. I've registered here three times now, and I can't go it alone yet. If anybody signed a card pledging Mike not to haze, I did. Mike didn't sign anything but a forty-dollar check. What makes the odds who signed it anyway?"

"The faculty may not see it your way," he returned. "They'll hold up your diploma on a charge of forgery if they find out. But we must tell our room-mate what hazing really is. Your experience of tonight, dear child, may be classed as hazing only in so far as an April shower may be classed as a cloudburst. Hazing—speaking generally—is where a bunch of sophomores nearly kill you and leave you for dead. If you die on the spot, you can justly claim that you've really been hazed. If you crawl home and die there, you have only been razooed. But if you get home and survive to become a better and a wiser freshman, then you have received merely an object lesson to teach you in what paths to guide your future steps. The economic object of real hazing is to decrease the surplus population and to eliminate the proletariat. I don't know if Malthus mentions this as a means to that end, but if he didn't he never went to college. The highest degree of hazing is only resorted to in extreme cases, as where a freshman speaks to a co-ed. Razooing is the punishment for smoking a pipe out of doors or for wearing a derby on week-days, while an object lesson is applied to all cases just on general principles.

"Mike, you may well be devoutly thankful if during your first year you are never dropped in the river through a hole cut in the ice in order to cool your ardent spirits. Such things have happened, notably in the case of Mr. Goss of Green's Landing. But immersion in ice water isn't so bad as being dropped down an elevator well; and that too has occurred in the none too distant past. My son, you must be very careful, for the superlative degree of careful isn't near careful enough.

"And you must keep clearly in mind the definitions which I have given of the different degrees of hazing. To be able to define concisely and correctly is a great thing, and the lack of this ability has reflected upon the history of the world. If you are versed in ancient philosophy you may remember that Plato took it upon himself to define a man. 'A man is a two-legged animal without feathers,' he declared, and the Athenians wondered at this marvel of correctness. But Diogenes, a contemporary of Plato's, seems to have been a raiser of poultry besides being a philosopher. So he killed a chicken, plucked out all the feathers, and went to hold his class in the marketplace. 'Here is Plato's man!' he said, and poor Plato had to shift his definition.

"It was the ignorance of this art of good and workable definition in a certain worthy man who is no longer with us that precipitated the student strike here a few years ago. This man, when asked to state the true significance of hazing as the faculty understood the term, declared it to be that condition of affairs which existed when freshmen

were run through the gauntlet, struck with paddles, and thrown in the river. On the strength of this definition the sophomores routed the freshmen out one night and gave them a party in which hazing played no part.

"The freshmen didn't run the gauntlet; they crept between the sophomores' legs on their hands and knees. Not one sophomore had a paddle; they used their bare hands skilfully applied in the right place. None of the freshmen were thrown in the river; instead of this crude, forbidden method, the sophomores took a two-hundred-foot rope, placed a half-hitch around each ankle, and then marched the whole entering class in lock step through a stream of water propelled from the nozzle of a fire-hose by a pressure of eighty pounds to the square inch. Of course none of this was hazing as it had been explained to them, though perhaps they did take advantage of a slight technicality. But it's perfectly proper in law, religion and philosophy to crawl through a small hole in case you have to. Why not in hazing then?"

"Well, the faculty found out about the party. Somehow they seemed to think that it was a violation of the rule after all; so they suspended ten of the sophomores for a year. Of course the ten most inoffensive men in the class were the ones elected to this compulsory vacation. Four of the ten had a perfect alibi, but such a defense was not admitted as evidence at the faculty tribunal. For instance, there was Tom Joy, who was with a girl in Bangor when the party took place. The girl and her whole family offered to go before the committee to prove Tom's alibi; but Tom swore that 'he wouldn't submit a respectable family to the humiliation of going before such an ignorant bunch of grapes.' He was canned with the rest. Two others were varsity football men who were in bed when the thing took place; but for any one to be in bed that night was suspicious in itself, so this fact didn't save even them. The other four men who were fired were no doubt 'among those present,' but they were all fellows who wouldn't dare to milk a cow for fear she'd kick, much less touch a poor freshman who might hit back. But the omniscient professors picked the right bunch if they wanted to start things. Things started pronto.

"The whole student body, excepting the football squad, promptly went out on strike. Two students were a big class that week, and the football men had a jolly time attending recitations. The co-eds struck too, of some use for once in their lives. The faculty entertained student committees every day, hoping to fix things up so as to have the dear bright boys back in their class-rooms where the professors could take revenge at their leisure. Lots of the boys drew out their tuition and had a high old time spending it in those five days. It made it a bit hard to pay again at the end of the semester, but it was a good time while it lasted. There were parades and mass-meetings and all sorts of demonstrations.

"It pleased the faculty to call the final adjustment a compromise. Perhaps one could think of a better word, but this one will answer the purpose and save the professors. The ten sophomores came back—under censure for a year, but in college none the less. Who cares anything about probation and censure except an athlete? In the end both sides claimed the victory, which is a good place to leave it. But we don't have real hazing any more now—only object lessons. For General Razoo has given up command to Corporal Punishment."

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#### Telegram Concerning League of Nations

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The feeling is that the educational results of this effort will be very great and that the indication of sentiment thus obtained will be enlightening to everybody concerned. The undersigned will do nothing more in the whole matter than issue suggestions as to how the vote shall be carried on, compile the returns as reported by each college, and give publicity to the result as declared. No further use will be made of the results of the vote. May we ask you to undertake responsibility for putting this plan into effect in your own institution. Full details follow by mail. Will you kindly bring this telegram to the attention of the President of your institution with the statement

that in sending it out we have the approval of an advisory committee of which President Hadley of Yale is chairman and on which Presidents Butler of Columbia, Lowell of Harvard, and Hibben of Princeton are also serving.

(Signed)

Frederick P. Benedict, Editor-in-Chief, Columbia Spectator; John M. Harlan, chairman, Daily Princetonian, Briton Hadden, chairman, Yale Daily News; Fifield Workum, President Harvard Crimson.

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#### Arts Rally Held Last Friday Great Success

Timid Freshman, distinction unknown Mr. Jarvis Flossy Co-ed, minoring in her studies Miss Phillips Ruff Stuff, halfback in the field, way back in the class Mr. Perrin Freshman Girl, one of the "57" Miss Wyman The Honorable Gum Shoe Smith, investigations a specialty Prof. Thompson Scene—5 Estabrooke Hall Time—Present

The heavy drama was a thrilling account of the mysterious disappearance of a diamond ring which was later found by the negro plumber in the water pipe. The scene was laid at the University Inn. The parts were all finely played and the songs which Erastus rendered accompanied by the guitar, scored a decided hit.

The light drama, *Freshman Ranks*, or *That Terrible English Department* earned an enormous applause. The scene was laid in Estabrooke Hall, time present. The story was characteristic to say the least. Two well-known and realized signs appeared in the background: Dickens and Emerson Would Not Stand a Chance Here and No Credit for Themes Late Without Authorized Excuse. According to last week's Campus, the student body itself was interested to learn the reason for the E's and F's among the freshmen. The answer was readily found to be that the department could issue no G's. The play itself was a series of several conferences and a visit from the state inspector. It was pronounced a great success.

Following the plays refreshments were served in the gymnasium.

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#### Football Schedule Improved for the Coming Year

opportunity to see the varsity team in action on this date at Cambridge. Bates and Colby play at Orono next fall and the Bowdoin game will be at Brunswick.

A. L. Grover '99 is chairman of the Athletic Board. A. C. Lyon '02 and James A. Gannett '08 are the faculty members. The alumni members are Harold Wood '11, Ralph Patch '11 and W. R. Ballou '12. W. D. Towner '14 is treasurer.

#### 1920 SCHEDULE

Sept. 25 Boston University at Orono  
Oct. 2 Harvard at Cambridge  
Oct. 9 N. H. State at Orono  
16 R. I. State at Orono  
23 Bates at Orono  
30 Colby at Orono  
Nov. 6 Bowdoin at Brunswick  
13 Brown at Providence (tentative)

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#### The "Heck" Club Holds Interesting Meeting

cultural Honorary Fraternity in certain other colleges, especially those giving only agricultural courses. He also impressed on those present the qualification necessary for membership to this fraternity.

#### Prospects Are Bright for Good Relay Team

The prospects for a good relay team are very bright this year with Pratt, Pinkham and Castle of last year's team and the material which is to be found in the freshman class. A light trout will be held this week to give Coach Rider a chance to look over the candidates but hard practice will not start until after the Christmas holidays. The captain for the year has not been elected as yet but it is expected that someone will be chosen to fill that position as soon as practice starts. Manager Foley is arranging a good schedule for the season and it will be ready for publication in a short time.

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